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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Goleta – Deputies Locate Abandoned Drug Smuggling Boat

(U) Officials with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and State Parks discovered an abandoned drug-smuggling panga boat Friday morning on Tajiguas Beach in Goleta. Sheriff's deputies found the approximately 35-foot boat equipped with two motors, as well as several fuel canisters discarded in the kelp nearby. Deputies said investigators searched the area and were not able to locate any suspects or drugs.

SOURCE: 17 July 2020, [KSBY News](#)

(U) San Francisco – Twitter Says Hackers Manipulated Employees to Access Accounts

(U) Twitter says hackers "manipulated" some of its employees to access accounts in a high-profile attack on the social media company, including those of Democratic presidential challenger Joe Biden and tech entrepreneur Elon Musk. Posts trying to dupe people into sending the hackers Bitcoin were tweeted by the official accounts of Apple, Uber, Bill Gates and many others on Wednesday, forcing Twitter to lock large numbers of accounts in damage control. More than \$100,000 worth of the virtual currency was sent to email addresses mentioned in the tweets, according to Blockchain.com, which monitors crypto transactions. Twitter said it is limiting the information it makes public about the attack while it carries out "remediation steps" to secure the site, as well as training employees to guard against future hacking attempts.

SOURCE: 18 July 2020, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Authorities Step Up Fight Against Rival Cartels

(U) Ciudad Madera – Mexican authorities are stepping in on a fight between rival drug cartels that has claimed more than 100 lives and left the former mayor of Madera, Chihuahua, missing. State authorities on Thursday disclosed they are building a 47-acre police/army base in Madera to counter violence from Sinaloa cartel proxy Gente Nueva, and the La Linea cell of the old Juarez cartel. The two groups last clashed in April, during an ambush near Madera that left 19 alleged members of Gente Nueva dead. US security analysts say La Linea is having success taking over Western Chihuahua. Control of the region provides access to drug smuggling routes into Southern New Mexico and Southeast Arizona.

SOURCE: 16 July 2020, [Border Report](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Man Extradited to US on Allegations of Hacking and other Online Schemes

(U) Atlanta – A Cyprus national, who was allegedly involved in crimes while working for an internet business in Glendale, California, has been extradited to the United States to face several computer hacking-related charges, US government officials said Saturday. Joshua Polloso Epifaniou, 21, a resident of Nicosia, Cyprus, arrived in New York on Friday. He had been arrested in his home country in February 2018. A five-count indictment filed in the Northern District of Georgia charges Epifaniou with conspiracy

to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to commit computer fraud and identity theft, and extortion related to a protected computer.

SOURCE: 19 July 2020, [OC Register](#)

(U) New Jersey – Federal Judge’s Son Killed, Husband Hospitalized after Shooting at their Home

(U) North Brunswick – A gunman disguised as a Fedex delivery driver entered the New Jersey home of US District Court Judge Esther Salas on Sunday evening, fatally shooting her 20-year-old son and wounding her husband. Salas was unharmed. Her husband, 63-year-old Mark Anderl, underwent surgery at a New Brunswick hospital, and was in critical but stable condition. The couple’s son, Daniel Anderl, died in the attack at the family’s North Brunswick home. Mark went to answer the door around 5 p.m. and was shot multiple times. When Daniel came running to the door to help his father, he was also shot before the gunman fled. Police say that Judge Salas was in the basement at the time of the shooting.

SOURCE: 20 July 2020, [Daily News](#)

(U) Washington – 12 Officers Injured, Businesses Damaged During Protests

(U) Seattle – Twelve officers were injured, several businesses and police precincts were damaged, and two arrests were made during a protest that turned destructive in Seattle yesterday. According to police, the protest began around 10:30 a.m. as a peaceful demonstration calling for the abolition of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Around 1:30 p.m., police said a secondary group of demonstrators joined in and were seen carrying baseball bats. Police said the group marched south on 5th Avenue toward the Seattle Police Department headquarters and damaged businesses on the way.

SOURCE: 19 July 2020, [KIRO 7](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Turkey – 27 ISIS Suspects Arrested in Turkey

(U) Ankara – Turkish police have detained 27 people in Istanbul over suspected links to the Islamic State, state-run media said yesterday. The Anadolu news agency reported that the suspects were held in simultaneous early morning raids by anti-terrorist police in 15 districts across Istanbul as they allegedly prepared to carry out attacks. The agency said the alleged attacks were in response to recent social media posts that insulted the Prophet Muhammad and that a “large number” of documents and digital material was recovered during the searches.

SOURCE: 19 July 2020, [The Associated Press](#)

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